

failure to prosecute. [Doc. 9].

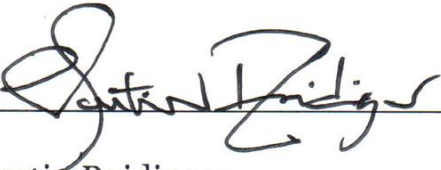
Before the Court now is a letter from Plaintiff in which he asks about his “financial liability” for the filing fee “and or refund of collection(s) to date” in this matter, which the Court construes as a motion for refund of the filing fee. [Doc. 11].

Plaintiff’s motion will be denied. A filing fee is exactly that – a fee for filing a complaint. Paying the filing fee (or being allowed to proceed without the prepayment of the filing fee) does not guarantee any particular result. It is merely required when a civil complaint is filed in this Court. See LCvR 3.1. After Plaintiff’s fee was received, the Court conducted its initial review and dismissed Plaintiff’s Complaint for his failure to prosecute. Local Rule 3.1(e) allows for the refund of fees only when payment was made in error or “at the direction of the Court.” LCvR 3.1(e)(2). The Court declines to direct that Plaintiff’s filing fee be returned under the circumstances here.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff’s motion for return of filing fee [Doc. 11] is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: August 30, 2022



Martin Reidinger
Chief United States District Judge

